



Lynchburg Police Department

Press Release



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On October 23rd, 2016 at approximately 09:41 hours Officers with the Lynchburg Police Department responded to a report of an armed robbery at the Food Zone located at 1221 Rivermont Ave. An employee and witness reported that an unknown subject entered the business and demanded money. The subject was pointing a possible weapon at the employee, however, it was undetermined what that may have been due to the suspect having it covered by the sleeve of their sweatshirt. The suspect also had their face completely covered by cinching up their hood on their sweatshirt. The suspect then fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of money. The witness followed the suspect and observed them begin to shed some of their outer clothing. The suspect was last seen on Amherst St. in between Bedford Ave. and Pansy St. No injuries were reported.

The suspect is described by the witness as follows: A light-skinned black male, approximately 5'4 to 5'6, and approximately 145 lbs. The suspect was initially wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, baseball hat and dark pants. However, the suspect did shed the sweatshirt and hat while fleeing on foot and that was recovered on Amherst St.

This incident is currently being investigated by the Lynchburg Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division.

See attached photos/video

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact **Detective D. S. Dempsey** at (434) 455-6161 or call Crime Stoppers at 1-888-798-5900. Visit the Central Virginia Crime Stoppers website at www.cvcrimestoppers.org to enter a web tip, or text "CVCS" plus your message to 274637.

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